

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table, and the President shall be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROPOSALS FOR SAFE RE-IMPORTATION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I announce for the information of my colleagues that, in consultation with the chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Senator DORGAN, Senator STABENOW, Senator MCCAIN, Senator COCHRAN, and other interested Senators, the Senate will begin a process for developing proposals that would allow for the safe reimportation of FDA-approved prescription drugs.

MIKE O'CALLAGHAN: A TRUE PATRIOT

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues the passing of a true American patriot and hero—Mike O'Callaghan. While I mourn Governor O'Callaghan's passing, I am heartened that we here in this Chamber will continue to feel the impact of this great man through the service of his protege and former student—Assistant Democratic Leader HARRY REID.

The essence of Governor O'Callaghan is perhaps best captured by an effort he undertook in Nicaragua in 1996. He was in that war-torn country to observe elections that would mark its first ever peaceful transition of power between democratically elected presidents.

At 66, Governor O'Callaghan could have asked to observe elections in the nation's capital or its second city, but he insisted on going north to the Honduran border to observe elections among some of the most marginalized people in a country of marginalized people. He had to go there in a battered truck over rained out roads because, he said, these were his people whom he had gotten to know in the 1980s, and he wanted to be with them as they celebrated the democracy they had earned.

That determination and generosity of spirit marked Governor O'Callaghan's

life. He was highly decorated—with the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star with a V for valor, and the Silver Star—during the Korean War, during which he lost a leg.

Aware of that bravery and personal strength, Sargent Shriver reached out to Mike O'Callaghan to make him a point man in President Kennedy's and President Johnson's fight against poverty.

Also aware of that bravery and strength of character, the people of Nevada made him their Governor from 1971 to 1979.

It was HARRY REID's awareness of O'Callaghan's bravery and character that led me, with great pride, to recommend him just last month to serve on the Veterans Benefit Commission.

Governor O'Callaghan died last Friday morning doing what he did each and every morning of his life attending daily mass before he went to work at the Las Vegas Sun. He also fought for the poor and the disenfranchised—from Korea to Nicaragua to Nevada—each and every day of his life.

While we are saddened by the loss of Mike O'Callaghan, we can take comfort in the knowledge that his generosity of spirit, his strength of character, and his devotion to his State and country will not soon be forgotten, and that his values and commitment to public service live on in our colleague, and his close friend, HARRY REID.

TRIBUTE TO JEANNINE HOLT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am grateful for the opportunity today to pay tribute to a wonderful woman, dedicated public servant, and loyal staff member—Mrs. Jeannine Holt. Jeannine has been my Southern Utah Area Director for 27 years, and is now retiring to enjoy the many wonderful things that life has to offer. Jeannine has done a tremendous job in serving thousands of Utahns who needed assistance, direction, or just a listening ear.

Jeannine has worked on many important issues affecting our State including lands issues, private property rights, and health care. In recent years she played a pivotal role in helping southern Utah citizens receive compensation from the government for exposure to radiation. Her guidance has helped literally hundreds of radiation exposure victims and their families navigate the complicated process to receive some financial relief for the awful illnesses many have experienced.

Jeannine is a real southern Utah "treasure." She has always been an integral force in her community serving on various boards and committees including the Dixie State College Board of Trustees, the State Fair Board, the St. George Chamber of Commerce Board, and on the Rotary Bowl Committee. In addition, she has actively and energetically promoted the tourism industry in Utah's Dixie and has shared her love for the red rock canyons and sun-drenched lands of St.

George and its surrounding areas with people she meets each day.

Jeannine's love and loyalty for the republican philosophy has been evident in the many years she has served promoting the ideals and values of the Republican party. She has literally donated thousands of hours working for candidates, and campaigns who share her commitment to Republican principles. For 20 years she has served as the vice chairwoman of the Washington County Republican Party, a position she has undertaken with distinction and honor.

Jeannine was also one of the founding members of the Women's Conference in Dixie, a conference which brings together hundreds of women each year from all over southern Utah to discuss important issues affecting the health and well-being of women and families. From its inception 18 years ago to today, this conference has established itself as an important forum for women from all over southern Utah to attend and enjoy.

In addition to the service she has rendered in the community and on my staff, Jeannine is a loving wife to her husband Stan. They have worked side-by-side for many years on projects benefiting their community and have buoyed each other up through life's twists and turns. Jeannine is also a loving mother of 3 and grandmother of 6.

I am grateful for the service that Jeannine Holt has given to me, to her community and to the State. She has been by my side for many years and has always been a vital component of my Senate organization. I will miss her tremendously but know that life holds many wonderful things for her to savor and enjoy. Jeannine Holt is a dedicated public servant, fervently patriotic American, and loyal and cherished friend. I want to wish her the very best in retirement and pray for her continued good health, success and happiness.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, this Nation has always been driven forward by a passion for discovery and a sense of adventure. From our earliest days as a nation, these deeply rooted American qualities have spurred our determination to explore new scientific frontiers and sparked our entrepreneurial spirit of technological innovation. We know in our very fiber that America's strength, prosperity, and global preeminence depend directly on scientific research and technological innovation.

This is not conjecture. The scientific and economic record of the past half-century constitutes overwhelming proof. Yet, today, our scientific progress, and the high-tech, high-wage jobs it creates, are at risk because the Bush administration is failing to sustain America's commitment to basic research.

The Federal Government has seen its research and development, R&D, investments steadily decline as a share of